

Cartoons Of The Industrial Age

Individual Research

To continue our study of the Industrial Age, today you will inspect a series of political cartoons to choose one that you find particularly interesting. Our history class wiki page includes links to several websites that all feature political cartoons from the 1800s. In class, use your iPads and the Internet links to complete the four steps below:

Step 1:

1. Go to the history class wiki page. Browse through the political cartoons on the websites linked in the “8th Grade” section. Look at some cartoons about industry, monopolies, and government. Be sure to examine a variety of cartoons before choosing one.
2. **Select one cartoon that you find particularly interesting.** Go on to Step 2.

Step 2:

1. Copy / save your chosen cartoon into Notability. If necessary, reduce the size of the image so it fits neatly on the page. Go on to Step 3.

Step 3:

Using your chosen cartoon, answer these questions. Type your answers underneath the cartoon. Be sure to put your name and date at the top of the page.

1. What is the title of the cartoon?
2. Who is the artist?
3. Where was the cartoon first published?
4. Describe in two or three sentences what is being pictured in this cartoon.
5. Summarize what you think is the cartoonist’s opinion. What makes you think so?
6. Why did you choose this cartoon?
7. What is the bibliography information for this website? (title, author, URL, date, etc. – see the Buckley style manual on the wiki page to remember the format)
8. Thinking question: Pretend that you are a teacher. **Think of two questions about the political cartoon** that you would ask someone else to teach them about the Gilded Age. On your paper, type the two questions. Your questions should lead another student to think more deeply about the cartoon. One question should be about history, and the other should be about the theme of change that we are studying (change in society, in business, in wealth, in cities, etc.)

Example:

1. What does this cartoon say about the power of Andrew Carnegie’s steel corporation?
2. What changes were taking place in big cities at the end of the 1800s that allowed this condition to exist?

Step 4:

1. Print your document to the classroom printer. If you cannot print the document, email it to mhall@buckleycountryday.com.